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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1206

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: February 2, 2004

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 1206 would change our approach to funding full-day kindergarten programs.

Our current approach creates an incentive under the state aid formula for the the creation of full-day kindergarten programs, but does not allow exceptions to the budget and levy limits for such. Therefore, the state is subsidizing full-day kindergarten programs, but only for school systems that have the resources to create them under the current restrictions.

LB 1206 would eliminate the state aid subsidy but permit exceptions to the budget and levy limitations to allow any school system to use property tax resources for full-day kindergarten programs. This will prioritize state expenditures and produce a “level playing field” for all school systems.

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